THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE V.ESWARAIAH

WRIT PETITION No:16199 of 2007

DATED:10-08-2007

BETWEEN:

Velishetti Andalamma.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Commissioner of Andhra Pradesh,
Rep., by its Secretary,
Social Welfare Department,
Secretariat,
Hyderabad & another.

.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned Government Pleader for Social Welfare appearing for the respondent.

2. Petitioner seeks a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the application, dated 19-10-2006, for granting ex-gratia amount of Rs.1,50,000/- to the petitioner on account of the death of deceased weaver named Ramchandram who has committed suicide due to poverty arising on account of occupation related distress and financial hardship in terms of the G.O.Ms.No.119 of the Government of A.P., in Industries & Commerce (T.E.) Department, dated 21-04-2006.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that she is the mother of one Ramachandram, aged 30 years, who was living on weaving profession. Whileso, the said Ramachandram committed suicide in their native place at Manakondur mandal, Karimnagar District on 15-02-2006 due to poverty on account of occupation related distress and heavy debts, and Police also registered First Information Report in Cr.No.30 of 2006 under Section 174 Cr.P.C. It is stated that the Government of Andhra Pradesh in Industries & Commerce (TE) Department issued G.O.Ms.No.46, dated 15-02-2006, sanctioning ex-gratia to the families of the weavers

who committed suicide from 01-04-1997 to
13-05-2004 and thereafter the Government issued another G.O.Ms.No.119, dated 21-04-2006, granting ex-gratia amount of Rs.1,50,000/- to the families of the deceased weavers who committed suicide due to poverty and on account of occupation related distress and financial hardship in the weaving profession with effect from
14-05-2004 onwards on par with the farmers. It is stated that the Lok Adalat, Karimnagar District passed an award under Section 21 of the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987 in P.L.C.No.35 of 2007 on 28-02-2007 wherein the Revenue Divisional Officer agreed to arrange house site in the colony and finance for the construction of house under the Rural Permanent House Programme to the petitioner and also to arrange Anthodaya ration card as and when sanctioned by the Government. It is stated that the said terms and promise would not come in the way of the petitioner to claim ex-gratia as per G.O.Ms.No.119, Government of A.P. Industries & Commerce Department (TE), dated 21-04-2006. Therefore, it is the case of the petitioner that she is entitled for the sanction of ex-gratia as per the said G.O.Ms.No.119 and accordingly filed a representation, dated 19-10-2006 and
12-07-2007, before the 2nd respondent-Revenue Divisional Officer.

4. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, Writ Petition is disposed of directing the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of the representation of the petitioner, dated

19-10-2006, in accordance with law and as per the orders of the Government issued from time to time for sanction of ex-gratia as expeditiously as possible within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No order as to costs.

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V. ESWARAIAH,J

10th August, 2007

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